



Host Site: Legal Aid of West Virginia, Inc.

Topic of Project: Housing

Location: Princeton, WV (In-person)

Description of Fellow Project:

The Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellow will work closely with experienced Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV) attorneys in LAWV's Princeton Office on legal issues that particularly impact rural clients in both a legal aid office and in several innovative projects.

The Fellow will work closely with LAWV staff on eviction prevention in the three rural counties with a particular focus on an emergent issue: manufactured home tenants at risk of eviction due to large corporations purchasing local mobile home parks. The Fellow will participate in holistic assessments of client legal needs to determine if legal help would improve the client's long-term prospects for maintaining shelter and stability. The Fellow's tasks will include conducting client interviews, doing research, drafting legal memoranda and pleadings, carrying out case discovery and attending administrative proceedings and hearings.

The Fellow will also shadow and assist LAWV staff in several innovative projects, including LAWV's Lawyer in the School, Recovery Medical Legal Partnership, and Jobs and Hope Projects. These projects combine on-site legal clinics and direct representation with outreach and community education. The RSLC Fellow will have the opportunity to help conduct outreach, develop legal materials, deliver legal education, and provide legal services in these innovative site-based settings. Additionally, the Fellow will work to develop client resources related to mobile home tenants' rights for the website and distribution to clients and community partners.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

Proficiency in a second language is not required.

